

November 22, 1950.

Dear Max:

I think the Mss. are about ready to send to press. I've retyped our paper, mainly to reconcile it to the format of J. Bact., and with a few very minor changes. I don't think that a stronger statement than the one now included would be advisable, concerning the implication of diploids for a sexual mechanism. I suppose one could still argue that cell A influences cell B to become A+B via extracellular factors, but it is clear that for all practical purposes we do have a sexual process in K-12

In the MS. (Z & L), I've left space under acknowledgments for any remarks you may need to make; with separated authors, it is a little awkward to do this in a footnote.

For the figures, I enclose 2 copies of Fig. 1 (colonies ~~xxx~~ on EMB) and an original and photocopies of Fig. 2. It is not difficult to see how busy you are now, and I thought it might save some time if I turned out the drawing of the pedigree; it is a little sloppy, having been done hurriedly, but I think will be quite adequate after photographic reduction. If you have time, and prefer to do a better job, by all means toss it out, [and change the captions to fit].

Your paper seems quite OK, although I won't really know what's missing until I try to run through the procedure myself.

This leaves only the question of reprints. The requests will probably all be mailed to you, but I have a fairly extensive mailing list which may or may not extensively overlap your own. I shall probably want about 400. The best way to handle it might be for you to ask the Journal to send me a duplicate order form. It might be desirable for me to have a few copies of your paper to send along with ours to a few selected people. Could you set aside about 50 reprints for this purpose, which I will gladly have paid for? An alternative (which has considerable disadvantages, but might save some money) would be to have the two papers reprinted together under one cover: I'll leave the choice entirely to you.

Our last letters must have crossed, and you should have received my draft proposals some time since. I'll be very grateful for any suggestions you can make

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg